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**AMENDMENT**

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This is responsive to the Office Action mailed July 13, 2005, the term for response to which is extended by 2 months by Petition filed concurrently herewith to expire on December 13, 2005.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendment to the Drawings** are described on page 4 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are set forth in the listing of claims which begins on page 5 of this paper. Claims 1, 16 and 19 are amended, claims 2-15, 17 and 18 are maintained; and claim 20 is canceled.

**Remarks** begin on page 10 of this paper.